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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Richard Lehman

SUBJECT: CFI Minutes

1. You will recall at last week's CFI meeting I asked for guidance (and got none) on the question of disseminating the CFI minutes. At the appropriate time, I will bring the matter up again. There will be a crying need to make sure that rather substantial numbers of people around town are kept posted on CFI business and decisions.

2. In the meantime, most of the CFI business, of course, is primarily organizational and procedural; and I am not too deeply concerned about the lack of broad dissemination. There is some feeling in town that the CFI is thus far opaque. Better to be opaque than to appear indecisive in my judgment.

3. In any event, I have an informal agreement with Sam Wilson that he will disseminate internally within DoD as he sees fit. I hope you will feel free to do the same within CIA.

E. H. Knoche
Acting D/DCI/IC

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Minutes of the Fifteenth Meeting
Committee on Foreign Intelligence
East Building, at 1500 hours, 16 July 1976


Director of Central Intelligence
Mr. George Bush
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

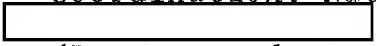
Mr. Robert F. Ellsworth, Deputy Secretary of Defense
Mr. William G. Hyland, Deputy Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

ALSO PRESENT

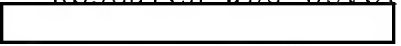
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Mr. Thomas K. Latimer, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
of Defense (Intelligence)
Mr. Samuel M. Hoskinson, Director for Intelligence
Coordination, National Security Council Staff

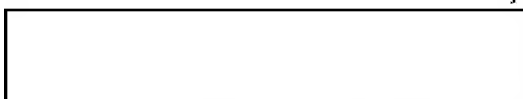
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 Deputy Director of Defense Intelligence
(Program and Resources)
Mr. E. H. Knoche, Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Major General Edward B. Giller, USAF (Ret.), Deputy
Assistant Administrator for National Security, Energy
Research and Development Administration


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 Comptroller, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. Leslie C. Dirks, Deputy Director for Science and Tech-
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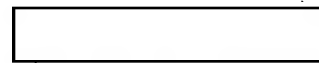
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Mr. James G. Poor, Director, Division of International
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Mr. William O. Cregar, Deputy Assistant Director, Intel-
ligence Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Mr. Wilmer K. Benson, Office of the Assistant Director
for Intelligence, Division of International Security
Affairs, Energy Research and Development Administration
Mr. L. C. Groover, Section Chief, Division of Finance and
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Mr. Robert P. Finzel, Intelligence Division, Federal Bureau
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Mr. Walter Elder, Executive Secretary, Committee on Foreign
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General Giller presented an overview of the Energy Research and Development Agency (ERDA), describing to the Committee those activities currently identified as intelligence-related. He noted that ERDA was primarily concerned with the question of nuclear proliferation. ERDA is both a producer and consumer of intelligence and provides technical support for the Intelligence Community as well.

Although no issues were identified for CFI decisions at this time, the Committee agreed to study ERDA's intelligence elements more closely to identify what should be included in the National Foreign Intelligence Program.

Mr. Cregar presented an overview of the FBI's intelligence program, describing the Bureau's counter-intelligence program and the counter-intelligence assets program. He noted the growing Communist presence in the United States, stemming from increased official representations, exchange visits, trade, students, and tourists.

The Committee expressed concern about the level of the counter-intelligence effort against hostile services (about [redacted]). The Committee reconfirmed its view that the national counter-intelligence effort should come under its purview. No issues in the FBI programs were identified for CFI decision.

Mr. Knoche presented an overview of CIA's program and budget. After noting trends in dollar and personnel figures past and projected, he identified several issues for CFI information and guidance.

On the question of DDO staffing, Mr. Knoche noted that CIA was undertaking a series of studies on the proper balance for the Agency. He observed that more resources were being devoted to processing and production and less to operations.

He discussed the status of the Agency's contingency reserve and the procedures for expenditures and replenishments.

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The DDCI reported that he had established a special task force to study CIA's SIGINT program and the feasibility of transferring some programs to NSA. The House Appropriations Committee has requested a CIA-NSA response on this question by 30 September 1976.

The CFI directed the responses be forwarded to the IC Staff by 1 September 1976 for preparation of a coordinated community response.

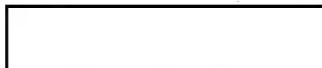
Mr. Knoche noted the Agency's requests for increased research, development, and engineering funds stemming from an extensive self-examination over the last two years of what requirements in this area should be for the future.

Mr. Knoche discussed the issue of photo-interpreters at the National Photographic Interpretation Center and the desired mix between CIA and DIA.



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The CFI noted the presentations by ERDA, FBI, and CIA as providing further background information in preparation for an overview briefing by the D/DCI/IC on 19 July 1976.



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Walter Elder
Executive Secretary

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